

. ABSTRACT

A data handler system which serves as an interface between a data display device and information store, such as a data base, retrieves information and displays it to the user in a form of a document metaphor. The document metaphor contains all of the information in a particular information record that a user desires to see. The user may scroll through the document metaphor, and may edit, save, print, and e-mail the document metaphor much the same as any other standard document. The document metaphor includes at least one expandable text box that grows and contracts, at least in one dimension, in accordance with the amount of text in the box. The document metaphor includes standard tool bars such as a menu bar, command bar, and navigation bar.